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THREE CENTS.

## THE PRIMARIES.

Election Last Night in All the Twenty-Two Legislative Districts.

Conger and Ingersoll Believed to Be the Choice of the Delegates.

Washington to Be Represented in the Chicago Convention by Friends of Suffrage.

Disorderly Scenes Witnessed at Many of the Primaries.

The effect of the primary elections last night was not to settle who of the candidates should go to the national republican convention, but simply to postpone the fight until the temporary organization of the district convention this morning. There were scene of great disorder at many voting places, the result of which appears in contesting delegations from one-third of the whole number of districts. This makes the result of the convention depend entirely upon the temporary organization, to be made by the delegation whose seats are not disputed. Nobody can tell from the returns in whose interest the organization will be, as either two of the three leading candidates might combine to wipe out the other one. Conger probably has a majority of the certain uncontested votes, with Inger-soll next, and Adams third, but neither one of them has enough of that kind of votes to

suffrage movement certainly received The suffrage movement certainly received a black eye last night. The disgraceful scenes enacted at many of the polling places were not of a nature to make peaceable, order-loving people desire their frequent

repetition.
The election in the first district was held at Douglass hall, Hillsdale, beyond Union-town. The meeting was called to order by the chairman of the first district republican the chairman of the first district republican club. Frederick Donglass, Jr., was then Leted president and P. W. Shipken, scretary. There was a split in this district. The contesting party withdrew and elected the following Adams delegates: James H. Young, William E. Douglass, J. H. Welsh, Joseph H. Brooke, Reuben Glies; alternates, J. W. Minnix, John A. Moss, and James H. Tolson. The regular meeting elected the following Conger delegates: Frederick Douglass, Matthias Hunter, Philip W. Shippen, E. M. Hewlett, and R. L. Berry; alternates, Royal L. Pitcher, Edward Gibson, and Henson Stewart.

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The election of delegates of the second district was conducted in a most creditable and harmonious manner. The following delegates and alternates were elected by an overwhelming majority: Delegates, A. L. Barber, J. M. Gregory, L. S. Emory, W. R. Laws, and Charles Simms; alternates, Chas. Alexander, Horace Stevens, and Wm. James Tyler. This delegation is put down for

Gregory.

The meeting in the third district was The meeting in the third district was rather quiet, feeling not being so strongly manifested there as in the fourth. A permanent organization was effected by the election of James L. Turner as president, and Charles H. Turner as secretary. Two tickets were offered for the suffrage of the meeting, the following representing Mr. Conger: James L. Turner, Edward Harris, John R. Cole, Alfred Clark, and Robert Gray, with Lewis T. Jackson, Oliver Dorsey, and Arthur Shepard as alternates. The Adams ticket was composed of Charles H. Turner, Logan Williams, Frauk Herbert, Wm. H. Johnson, and Lewis F. Walker, with James D. Russell, Wm. Hunter, jr., and James Ridgeley as alternates. The Conger ticket was elected by a large majority.

A resolution was unanimously passed instructing the delegates to insist upon a plank in the Chicago platform guaranteeing suffrage to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

In the fourth district there appeared to be

In the fourth district there appeared to be a great deal of factional feeling, and at times it was almost impossible for the chairman to Conger men were so strongly in the majority a lively time would have been witnessed. A permanent organization was effected by the election of Charles F. Moseby as president and William Cornell as secretary. The adherents of Mr. Adams led off by offering a resolution that the following be elected delegates: H. C. Winship, Alfred Pope, Simon Fenix, R. D. Ruffin, and Daniel Washington. The resolution was laid apon the table by a vote of 152 to 22. Mr. Conger's friends then offered the following ticket, which was declared elected amid longer men were so strongly in the majority ticket, which was declared elected amic the most terriffic hurrahing: Charles T. Moseby, Charles Smith, William Cornell, Samuel Collins, and Samuel Chase, with Hiram Gray, Jr., Broadus Banks, and James Smith as alternates. A resolution, offered by William Cornell, and ably indersed by Hiram Gray, jr., was unanimously passed, instructing the delegates to insist upon the right of suffrage being guaranteed to the citizens of

the District of Columbia

Opposing factions of the fifth district waged war all day yesterday, and last night the crowd that assembled at the corner of Twentysecond street and Pennsylvania avenue we a large and somewhat noisy one. The pres large and somewhat noisy one. The president of the club, George W. Phillips, called the meeting to order, and a member moved that the club adjourn and hold a mass meetg. Before the motion was acted upon, wever, the confusion became so great that the proceedings were interrupted. The president called upon his followers, who were understood to be for Dr. E. A. Adams, and they ejected the opposition or Conger faction from the hall and put out the lights. The disorder during this action was so great that the policemen stationed in the hall interfered and put both crowds out. The Conger faction held a meeting on the The Conger faction held a meeting on the steps by the light of two candles. The names M. G. Crawford, C. S. Johnson, B. F. Grant, John Shorter, and George Busey as delegates, and All. Harris, John Harris, and Dani-I Craig as alternates were proposed and elected unnumously. The delegates were instructed to vote for the best man who would support a good man for president. When questioned as to their preferences, the delegates were unanimously for Conger executions of the unanimously for Conger except one of the alternates, who kicked against "kid gloves ternates, who kicked against "kid gloves and a diamond ring to represent this here The meeting then adjourned.

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The other faction, numbering about fifty, went to Willige's saloon across the street and held a meeting in the back room. The following 'slate' was agreed upon: E. W. Whitaker, George W. Phillips, A. Willige, and Thomas Lucas, as delegates, and W. H. Matthews, James Keunedy, and Washington Carroll as alternates. The meeting the Carroll as alternates. The meeting then in structed their delegates for Dr. A. E. Adams, and adopted a resolution calling upon the delegates elected to the Chicago convention to support Gen. John A. Logan for president, as he was the "friend of the colored man and the soldier." They mentioned as second and the soldier." They mentioned as second choice for delegate for the Chicago convention, Prof. R. T. Greener.
In the sixth district the primary was held

at Catholic hall on Fighteenth street, L and M streets northwest. The hall is a small one story structure, and on either side of the door is a large white cross, while over the door in whitewash is inscribed, "Catholic Benevolent society." The hall will comfort-ably hold about 200 people, but fully 500 made an effort to get into it, and the result was a terrible jam. The president, W. H. Johnson, called the meeting to order, and a member moved that the club meeting adjourn and that a mass meeting and that a mass meeting Great disorder began at this juncture, and it was with difficu president's voice could be heard. juncture, and it was with difficulty that the president's voice could be heard. The presi-dent and about 100 others were for Dr. E. A.

Adams, but the majority were for Conger.

During the disorder the Adams faction held

During the disorder the Adams faction held a meeting at the back of the stage and elected the following state delegates: W. H. Johnson, Robert Jones, Columbus Freeman, C. T. S. Brent, and Thomas Harris; alternates, George Dyer, Joseph Tuells, and Daniel Williams. After the election this faction left the hall, followed by jeers from the other side.

The other faction then quieted down and elected Otho Branson, president, and Wm. Wood, scerstary. After several speeches by members the elections began, as did also the disorder. The Conger party seemed divided, one part being in favor of instructing the delegates elected for Prof. R. T. Greener. The straight Conger advocates finally elected their "slate." This latter was as follows: Delegates, Other Branson, Perry Wilson, W. T. Payne, G. R. Seymore, and W. L. Riley; alternates, R. P. Harnes, W. M. Richardson, and T. A. Watson.

The primary mass meeting for the seventh district was called at Shiloh hall, on L street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth. By 6 o'clock there was a large crowd gathered in front of the building, which is an insignificant one-story affair about 20 feet wide and 60 feet in length. The crowd were inclined to be enthusiastic and the patronage extended to the neighboring barrooms increased this feeling until shortly after 6 o'clock a lively row was inaugurated botween two colored men, in which Joe Ware, of 1633 Twoith street, was dangerously stabled by Chas. King. In the hue and cry which the affray caused King escaped, and the wounded man was conveyed to his home. The meeting was called for 7:30 o'clock, but shortly after 7 the doors were opened and the crowd fought their way into the little cramped-up hall, washing to a second. doors were opened and the crowd fought their way into the little cramped-up hall, packing it to suffocation. The Ingersoil men had held their places close to the door, and managed to secure the seats next to the platform. A scene of wild confusion cusued,
and for some minutes there was every probability of a huge row. At this juncture a
bonch in the center of the hall, upon which
a dozen men were standing, broke
down with a terrible crash, and
there were wild cries of "A fight!"
A stampede ensued, in which crowds left
the building by both the doors and windows,
a gallant policeman leading the race for
safety. This episode gave an opportunity to
those left in the hall to secure a semblance of
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order. In the lull Joe Jackson made a speech, in which he denounced the action of Gilbert L. Joy in calling the mass meeting in such cramped quarters as a trick on his part to secure a cut and dried delega-tion to the Willard hall convention. The Joy men railied, however, and though the hour for calling the meeting to though the hour for calling the meeting to order had not arrived, proceeded to organize, and selected the following delegation to go to the convention at Willard's hall: Gilbert D. Joy, G. W. Stewart, W. H. Barker, Hamilton Turley, and Samuel Tenney, with J. H. Dennis, J. E. Baler, and Garner Turley as alternates. After this had been rushed through, the Joy faction took the outside of the crowd, and shortly afterward the opposite faction came in Streethes course. outside of the crowd, and shortly afterward the opposite faction came in. Speeches counseiling barmony and regular order were made by F. B. Conger and John F. Cook, after which the meeting selected a chairman and proceeded to elect the following delegates to the convention which meets to-day: William H. Clark, William Beckett, C. Mason, Samuel Jackson, and Thomas Trail, with D. Clark, W. Price, and P. Livingston as alternates. The Joy delegation favor Col. Ingersell as delegate to Chicago and the Clark delegation are regarded as solid for Conger. The two delegations will make a contest for admission to the convention

contest for admission to the convention to-day.

The primary mass meeting for the eighth district was held in Institute hall, Tenth street northwest, between R and S. President Dudley, of the Republican club of the district, called the meeting promptly at 7:30 o'clock, at which hour the hall was packed. Charles H. Peters was elected chairman and F. H. Hall secretary. There was much pushing and crowding, and several arrests were made for disorderly conduct but no affrays were reported. The Dudley faction, who favored a mixed ticket, representing a half dozen of those whe aspire to represent the district at Chicago, made a very decided effort to capture the meeting, in accordance with the plan arranged by them on Sunday last. This faction was made up mostly of an unruly nob of half grown boys who endeavored by wild hoots and yells to prevent any change in contest for admission to the convention ots and valls to prevent any change the presiding officer. They were promptly outvoted, and as soon as they became convinced that they were defeated at all

convinced that they were defeated at all points they bolted the meeting and started off in search of a place to hold a little meeting of their own. With the departure of this disorderly element the business of the meeting was quietly proceeded with and the following delegates were selected: C. C. Ball, B. C. Whiting, S. Holmes, R. Handerson, and G. W. Alexander, alternates, D. Hudgell, I. W. Whiting, S. Holmes, R. Henderson, and G. W. Alexander, alternates, D. Hudnell, L. W. Hill, and S. McFarland. This delegation is summed up as being solid for Congor and Ingersoll, though some of them have expressed a second choice for John F. Cook.

The republicans of the ninth legislative district met at 1109 I street northwest. Mr. W. Calvin Chase, president, called the meeting to code and resolved it into ing to order and resolved it into a mass meet ing, after which he was elected president by

A committee on nominations, consisting of Mossrs. Hodgson, Green, and Gillam, was appointed, and reported the following named delegates and alternates to the convention that will meet this morning at 10 o'clock Calvin Chase, E. A. Savoy, F. Hali, John Middleton, and C. Jones as delegates, and J. Nelson, W. Jones, and A. Smith as alternates. Dr. C. B. Purvis was introduced and made a speech. The meeting was over in fifteen minutes. The delegates are for Ingersoll and

ccismation, with Mr. A. E. Savoy as secre-

At the tenth precinct the election, or rather At the tenth predict the election, or a held in St. George's hall on Eleventh street. There were 125 people present, and the meeting lasted just eleven minutes. C. S. Borley, president of the tenth precinct republican club, was made chairman, and Samuel Ar-cher, secretary, Mr. C. K. Ramsberg then introduced a resolution that the chairman and secretary appoint five delegates and three alternates to the district convention. A mo-tion was made to may this resolution on the table, and several people desired to make various amendments. The resolution was latter consisted of about fifty men, carried, however, by a large majority, and the meeting at once adjourned. Some time afterward Messrs. Burley and Asler decided upon the following delegates to the district convention: C. S. Burley, Charles Hurdle, Sampson Asler, Marcelius West, and Charles Meredith. As alternates Judge Cox, William Gibbs and Peter Wilson were chosen. The regular delegates above named are all Ingersoll and Adams men, except Mr. Hurdle, who is for Conger. The result was a complete surprise to the Conger men, who complained bitterly of the bad faith of Burley. Mr. Ramsberg, who offered the resolution giving Burley the power to appoint the delegates, was a Conger man, and the arrangement was that the delegates chosen should be partly, if not all, the meeting at once adjourned. gates chosen should be partly, if not all, Congor men. Burley when he got the power repudiated the arrangement and appointed ingersoll and Adams men. There was some talk last night shout a change in the delega-tion if Burley could be brought to report his treachery. The Conger men claim that if the election had been held in the meeting itself they would have had a good majority talk last night about a change in the delega-

for their candidates.

The balloting in the eleventh district passed off very quietly, with the exception of a momentary disturbance caused by the vociferous assertion of a sovereign under the influence of an overdose of interior benzine, to the general effect that he was a full-fledged American citizon. No one disputed his statement, but the vigilant police removed statement, but the vigilant police removed him from the scene of action. The result of the poll was that Messrs. William T.Whalen, Joseph Thompson, J. F. N. Wilkinson, James Sawell, and William H. Washington were named as delegates, and Richard Heverly, George Hart, and William Ecckel atternates. Messrs. Wikinson, Thompson, and Washington way."

These objections were stated to the meeting the carry everything their own way."

Sewell for Ingersol. A resolution was adopted instructing the delegates to vote for delegates to Chicago who were pledgd for suffrage in the District of Columbia.

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In the twelfth district the hall was well filled with voters by 7:30, and the meeting was at once called to order, Mr. George H. Holmes acting as president and Charles F. Harvier secretary. The following named persons were then elected delegates and alternates to the nominating convention:

Delegates—George Holmes, James Record, Lloyd C. Brooks, T. Humphrey Brooke, A. J. Kane.

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Alternates—C. F. Harvier, Charles Nelson, R. C. Butler.

These gentlemen are understood to favor the election of Messrs. Ingersoil and Carson as delegates to the Chicago convention. The meeting, which was a very orderly one, adjourned with three cheers for Ingersoil. The Conger crowd reached the hall just in time to be too late to participate in the proceedings.

The thirteenth district delegates met at Cadeta' hall, O street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, with George H. Boston in the chair and R. Taylor secretary.

Some confusion was raised in the hall at about the time the voting commenced, but, as a whole, the meeting was orderly. Arthur Payne, H. A. Hall, and William Gowings were appointed tellers, who, after a lengthy absence, reported the following ticket as

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The fourteenth district delegates met at the church at the corner of P and Third streets, with H. C. Boulden president and Peter

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For about an hour scenes very unusual to a church transpired, the building being con-verted into a perfect pandemonium. Hoarse cries of "order" were heard from all parts of the room, but wigh no effect, as confusion be-came werse confounded.

Objection was raised to Mr. Boston remain-

organism was raised to art. Boston remaining in the chair, it being charged that he was trying to "run the machine" all by himself. A final vote resulted in the choice of G. W. Renfro, an employe in the postoffice, as chairman and William Knox Brown as secretary. Mr. Boulden was carried bodily from the chair

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The crowd in the hall again became turbulent, the prevailing cause of which seemed to
be some very bad whisky that had been indulged in a little too freely.

The chair finally managed to calm the
turbulent mass before him, and while endeavoring to do so someone stole up a small
alley adjoining the church and smashed one
of the oil lamps in the hall. Some in the
room began to rush toward the windows, but
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peace was finally restored and nobody was hurt.

The following delegates were elected: W. H. Simpson, W. Knox Brown, G. W. Renfro, Lewis York, and Augustus Nelson. Alter-nats—J. F. Bundy, W. Jackson, and J. W. The majority of the delegales are pledged

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The meeting of the fifteenth district was held at the old market hall, corner of Fifth street and Massachusetts avenue. Mr. John W. Freeman presided, Mr. C. C. Briscoe, secretary. The following delegates were elected: Mesars. J. W. Freeman, George W. Ashton, C. C. Briscoe, John J. Fitzgerald, and Arthur Smith, all of whom are said to be for Dr. Adams and P. H. Carson; alternates, Mr. George Sewell, for Dr. Adams and Carson; Mesars. George W. McElfresh and B. West are for Ingersoll and Carson. The meeting then adjourned.

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The sixteenth district held a mass meeting at the Kimball house, on C street, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth, with W. H. Lee, chairman, and Samuel N. Adams, secretary. The meeting very quietly and quickly elected as delegates Wm. H. Lee, Perry H. Carson, G. W. Williams, Daniel E. Cahill, and Jos. C. Rock, and as alternates, Samuel N. Adams, P. B. Meredith, and Jas. Leonard. Three of the delegates are for Ingersoll and two for Couger.

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The election in the seventeenth district The election in the seventeenth district was held at Gallilean Fishermen's hall, F, between Third and Four-and-a-half streets southwest, and resulted as follows: Delegates—Dr. S. A. Sumby, S. E. Jones, W. A. Tallaferro, J. S. Goss, James T. Washington, and Henry H. Middleton. Alternates—Abe Hall, James Garner, and V. P. Addison. Dr. Sumby edied as president of the reaction. Sumby acted as president of the meeting, with W. A. Taliaferro as secretary. The delegation was put down on the Adams list. The election in the eighteenth district was

heled in Friends of Zion hall, G street, be heled in Friends of Zion hall, G street, be-tween Third and Four-and-a-half streets southwest, with the following result: Dele-gates, William H. Brown, Balden Evans, John Branson, George Wills, and James Wills; alternates, Lewis Wills, Thomas Perry, and George H. Newman. The delegation is for Conger. John Bran-son was elected to act as presi-dent, and William H. Brown, secretary. At the conclusion of this meeting another meeting was held in the same hall and elected the following delegates and alternates: Delethe following delegates and alternates: Delegates the following delegates and alternates: Dele-gates, R. E. Gilchrist, C. A. McDonald, Wesley Johnson, R. S. Laws, and Eugene Mallory; alternates, Barton Phillips, Peter Lewis, and Arthur Redmond. R. E. Gilchrist was elected president of this meeting and B. A. McDonald secretary. About 100 or more persons attended the

meeting of the nineteenth district held last night at the corner of First and H streets northeast. Mr. Audrew Gleason presided, with P. A. Brooks as secretary. The following delegates and alternates were offered and unastimously elected: Andrew Gleason, Thomas Murth. John A. Gleason, Frank White, and William Lucas; alternates, Messrs. John Breen, James Shugrue, and John Mahoney. A motion was made to instruct the delegates to vote for Ingersoll, but it was laid on the table. The understanding was that the delegates were solid for Ingersoll and P. H. Carson. The meeting, after being in seasion about twenty-five minutes, then adjourned.

There was a split in the twentieth district night at the corner of First and H street

There was a split in the twentieth district primary, held at Congress hall, Capitol hill. The regular meeting elected a solid delega-tion pledged to Dr. Adams and Prof. meeting was presided over by the president of the twentieth district, Mr. Fred. A. Dyson, and numbered 300 voters. The successful ticket was headed "Dr. E. A. Adams" and contained the following names as delegates: Frederick A. Dyson, Charles O. Moore, Michael H. Robinson, Robert Dorsey, Lewis

Alternates-William Liverpool and Charles C. Stowart. C. Stewart.

After the election several hundred of Dr.

Adams's supporters, headed by a drum corps,
formed line and proceeded to the voting
place of the twenty-first district. They
afterwards serenaded Dr. Adams and he
responded in a short speech.

The twentieth district withdrawal meeting

was held at Whithaff hall, and was called to order by F. A. Grant, secretary of the Twen-tioth District Bepublican club. William Shome was elected president and F. A. Grant secretary. The election resulted as follows: Delegates—F. A. Grant, Lewis Cornish, John Shomo, W. N. Mills, and William H. Boston; alternates—John F. Ballinger, Walter S. Over, and James Hall,

Four of the delegates are for Conger and one for Ingersoll. The reasons for with-drawal were given as "the refusal of the president to hold the mass meeting at a respectable and proper place, at the request of a large number of republicans; the re-fusal to open the hall more than half an hour prior to the but which was utes before 7:30 the call of the meeting,

by a member of the central and executive committees, and who requested that a with-drawal be made.

The meeting was orderly, and attended by the better class of republican citizens of the twentieth district, both white and colored. At the twenty-first district meeting quite a stormy election was held. After the nomi-nation of the delegates the confusion became so great it was necessary, with the aid of the police, to turn the whole crowd out of doors so great it was necessary, with the aid of the police, to turn the whole crowd out of doors and admit them one at a time to vote. The following were elected delegates: T. J. Scott, W. H. Johnson, J. A. Bailey, Edward Atkinson, and W. H. Brooker, and B. H. Waters, Walter Middleton, and Sidney Herbert alternates. This delegation is all for Adams, with the exception of Atkinson, who is for Conger. In the twenty-second district, Dr. Adams's home, quite a compliment was paid him by the election of his delegates by a unanimous vote, after a slight resistance. The election was held at Odd Fellows' hall. The successful ticket was headed "Adams for Logan and Victory." Mr. Josiah L. Venable, president of the district, in the chair, and Capt. Donald McCathran, as secrotary. The opposition party was headed by Mr. Frank Wood, but there was no split. Dr. Adams made a speech, in which he declared for Gen. Logan, the workingmen, and suffrage in the district. The delegates-elect are Josiah L. Venable, Peter Masselv. Donald McCathran.

district. The delegates-elect are Josiah L. Venable, Peter Maseby, Donald McCathran, John H. Moore, and John E. Herrell; alternates, John Casey, Geo. H. Thompson, and William H. Hawkins.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES. The central democratic committee of the District of Columbia has issued the following call for the primary elections, to be held

In accordance with the action taken by this

to-night:

In accordance with the action taken by this committee, authorizing primary elections to be held in the twenty-two legislative districts on the evening of April 8, 1884, to elect representatives to the democratic district convention, to be held on April 15, 1884, it is respectfully suggested that the following recommendations be carried out in the manacement of your district meeting: You will call the meeting to order, at the locality designated in your district, between the hours of 7:30 and 8 o'clock p. m. acting as temporary presiding officer until the meeting organizes by the selection of permanent officers. Three delegates are to be elected to represent each legislative district. No one shall be permitted to participate at the primary elections who are not bons find citizens of the District of Columbia, residents of your legislative district, and known to be members of the democratic party. Two judges, or tellem, and a referee should be chosen to conduct the election, receive the ballots, and count the same after the polls are closed, reporting the result to the meeting. Certificates of election containing the names of the three delegates should be prepared and signed by the permanent president and secretary of the meeting. Hank certificates are herewith inclosed for the purpose recommended, and should be made out in duplicate, one copy to be delivered to the delegation chosen, as their credentials; the other to be forwarded to Lawrence Gardner, socretary, from which will be prepared a correct list of delegates elected for the use of the convention. The secretary will remain at Cosmopolitan hall, correct of Eight and Extreets northwest, on ion. The secretary will remain at Cosmopolitar all, corner of Eighth and E streets northwest, or ne night of April 8, 1884, between the hours of ' and It o'clock, to receive the reports of the result f election in the various districts.

Mr. Charles S. Moore, a prominent district democrat, said last evening: "More interest is being taken in the present contest than has been for years."
"Why is that?" asked the reporter.

"For several reasons," was the reply. "In the first place we expect that the district delegates to the Chicago convention will be delegates to the Chicago convention will be allowed to vote the same as the republicans allowed to vote the same as the republicans are. In the second place, there is a growing feeling among the democratic citizens of Washington in favor of suffrage, and you can say that the delegates elected, whoever they may be, will undoubtedly be instructed to urge that a plank giving the people of the district the right to vote be inserted in the democratic platform adopted at Chicago. Why, a candidate who would declare against suffrage here would not receive two votes in our local convention." would declare against suffrage here would not receive two votes in our local convention."

The candidates in the field at this time are Messrs, William Dickson, E. D. Wright, R. O. Claughton, W. D. Cassin, R. C. Hewitt, and A. A. Wilson. The strongest team is Messrs. Wright and Dickson, and many demo-crats who were interviewed yesterday declared that their election is a foregone conclusion. They are said to be the favorites of the Jackson association. The fight between friends of the rivals was being carried on aggressively yesterday and last night, but it was not half as warm as the fight in the republican ranks.

POLITICAL STRUGGLES. Action of the Coalitionists-Tennessee for Arthur-Plans of the Pennsylvanians.

Previot Disposes ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 7.-The coalition and republican convention of Alexandria, Va., met to-day at noon in the court room in that city. Seven delegates and three alternates were elected to the state convention, which meets at Richmond on the twenty-third instant. An executive committee was also chosen. Resolutions were adopted sanctioning the course of the senators and representatives from Virginia; favoring a protective tariff; condemning legislation of the last state legislature as revolutionary, reactionary, and inimical to constitutional and good government, and recommended the indorsement of the Blair educational bill. The executive committee afterward met and elected Mr. George Griffir secretary. The delegates organized by the election of Mr. Edmund Burke chairman, and Mr. J. S. Wimsatt secretary.

Execut Dispatch. KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 7.—Every county in this congressional district heard from strongly indorses Arthur and his admin istration, and unanimously instructs for Houk. Other countles in the state indorse Arthur's administration and Houk's course in congress. Every county in the Knoxville district will indorse the administration and instruct for Houk. By Associated Press

Allentown, Pa., April 7.—Chair an Hensel, of the democratic state comr .ee, arrived here this evening, and with him wer a number of delegates. He met the loca a number of delegates. He met the local committee, and final arrangements for the convention were discussed and agreed upon Little is yet known as to the erganization of the convention, C. E., Boyle and J. K. Bogert are spoken of for temporary chairman, and the only name so far mentioned for permanent chairs so far mentioned for permanent chairman is that of R. Milton Spear. The work of the convention will apparently be quickly transacted, the only contest antici-pated being in the selection of dele-gates at large. To-morrow evening the state committee will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Harry Packer Eckly B. Coxe is speken of for the place, and will undoubtedly be chosen. Hon. Samuel J. Raudall is expected here to-morrow morning. Much depends upon the wishes of Mr. Raudall as to whether delegates to the national convention shall be instructed or not. The delegates in the city to-night

number thirty.

BALTIMORE, April 7.—A meeting of the Baltrimone, April 7.—A meeting of the colored republican voters of the Maryland fourth congressional district was held in this city to-night. The object was to take steps demanding that as the colored voters are fully one-half of the republican vote of the district they are entitled to the district delegate to the national republican convention. gate to the national republican convention at Chicago. A resolution was adopted to use all honorable means to the accomplishment of that result. The meeting was enthusiastic, BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., April 7.—Republican caucuses were held in six of the wards

of this city to-night for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention. A full vote was polled, and resulted in the election of an almost unanimous Blaine delegation, PENN YAN, N. Y., April 7,-The Yates

PENN YAN, N. Y., April 7.—180 I alone county republicans will be represented in congressional convention of the twenty-ninth district, to be held here on the tenth instant, by Stafford C. Cleveland, H. C. Talmage, W. N. Perry, Everett Brown, John W. Smith, and Alden D. Fox. All are for George R. Cornwell for national delegate.

BALL TOSSING.

The Season Opened Locally by the Washingion and Providence Nines-Disastrous Defeat of the Home Club, 10 to 3-Games Elsewhere.

An audience splendid in numbers and enthusiasm crowded the grand stand and the benches of Athletic park yesterday to welcome the Washingtons in their initial game with the Providence. All the arrangements were perfect, and only a victory by the home nine was needed to send the crowd home in the best of humor. This, in the nature of things, was hardly to be expected, and the things, was hardly to be expected, and the general verdict of experts was that the club made a creditable showing and displayed elements of strength that will enable them, with the practice that is now lacking, to do themselves and the city honor. In batting and fielding they fully equaled their opponents, and the game was lost mainly by the wild pitching of Trumbull, who sent six men to the first base on called balls. Barr came in to the pitchor's position in the fourth inning, but unfortunately twisted his ankle badly after getting out two of the strongest batters, and was obliged to retire. The third pitcher, Hamill, then took the ball, and only one run was made off his pitching. Humphries steadily improved throughout the game in his catching, led the batting, and made a very favorable impression. Fennelly game in his catching, led the batting, and made a very favorable impression. Fennelly is a ball player all the time, a fine base runner, and took all the chances offered. All the local players did themselves credit, Beach making a long hit in the direction of Alexandria that yielded him three bases, and Yewell neatly attending to the only two balls that came in his way.

For the visitors—Hines, Farrell, and Irwin carried off the fielding become.

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The full score follows. Passed balls and wild pitches are not included in the error

WASHINGTON. | Fennelly, s. s. | A. B. R. |
Barr, c. i. p.	2	1
Hamill, p.	2	0
Besch. r. f.	4	0
Humphreys, c.	4	0
Morgan, i. f.	2	0
Joy, 1b.	4	0
Yewell, 3b.	4	0
Hawkes 2b.	fawkes, 2b ..... Frumbuli, p., c. f..... Totals . . . . . . 32 3 PROVIDENCE. INNINGS.	

lence, 6, Struck out—Off Trumbull, 2, off Sweeney, 5, Passed balls—liumphreys, 4; Murray, 4, Wild pitches—Trumbull, 2, Time of game—2 hours 15 minutes, Umpire—Mr. Burlingame,

The nine for to-day's game will be: Hamilt. : Humpbries, c.; Joy, 1b.; Hawkos, 2b.; ewell, 3b.; Fennelly, s. s.; Morgan, 1. f.; Cox, c. f.; Beach, r. f.
The West End Base Ball club yesterday

defeated the Americans by the score of 11 to 9. Eight inning were played. GAMES ELSEWHERE. PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—Nine thousand persons witnessed the base ball game here to-day between the Athletic and Philadelphia clubs. The game, which was very exciting, was won by the Athletics by their superior fielding. The batting of the Philadelphia was terrific, but fielding errors at critical points lost the game for them. The score was—

Buffalo.....0 At Richmond-

Metropolitan ...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Cleveland ...... 1 0 0 0 0 5 0 1 x-

CHEAP POSTAGE FOR NEWSPAPERS Arguments of Mr. Joseph Medtil and Mr.

Hesing Before the Senate Committee. Mr. Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune and president of the Western Associated Press, made an argument yesterbefore the senate committee postoffices and postroads in favor the reduction of the present of the reduction of the present pound rates of postage on newspapers issued from the office of publication. He said tho present law was an oppressive tax on publishers. He thought the old law, which imposed the postage on the purchaser instead of the publisher, ought to be re-enacted. The publishers of the country are now subjected to a tax of \$1,500,000 for postage, which is unjust. He thought it impolitic in a liberal government to seek to derive revenue from the transportation of intelligence, and that a tax on knowledge is only worthy of a despotic government. He argued that the reduction of letter postage had resulted in an increased revenue from that source, and that a reduction of newspaper postage should have the same result.

Mr. Hesing, of the Chicago Staats Zeitung, followed Mr. Medill in the same line of argu-

ment in behalf of the bill.

A Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lamb will colebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their residence, No. 54 F street southwest. to-night. Dancing will be indulged in, after which a handsome collation will be served. Falling in Line.

BALTIMORE, April 7 .- The San will publish to-morrow the following special from Rome, dated to-day :

"The example of the United States in interposing to prevent the sale of the American college under the recent order of the court of cassation converting the property of the Propaganda Fides into Italian rentes is about to be followed by certain other nations. In consequence of this Signor Mancini, minister of foreign affairs, is now debating the propriety of introducing a measure to reverse the decrees of the court occassation relative to the propaganda. If the tariff of 30 per cent. upon works of art im-ported into the United States is not abolished by congress a retaliatory measure, now being considered here, will undoubtedly become a

Tilness of Christine Nilsson

New York, April 7 .- "The Huguenots" was to have been performed at the Metropolitan Opera house to-night, with Mmes. Christan Opera nouse to high, tine Nilsson and Sembrich in the leading roles. The sudden illness of Mmc. Nilsson, roles. The sudden lliness of Mmc. Nilsson, however, compelled a change in the perform-ance, which consisted of the first act of "The Huguenots" and the second and third acts of 'Lucia," with Mme. Sembrich prima donna.

The Weather.

For the middle Atlantic states, including the Dis-riet of Columbia, light showers and partly clouds For the middle Atlantic states, including the Dis-trict of Coumbia, light showers and party cloudy not loud enough for Middleton to hear, That person was the defendant, Charles E. in temperature.

## DETECTIVES ON TRIAL.

McDevitt and Flinder Before the Criminal Court as R eceivers of Stolen Property.

Methods of the National Metropolitan Bank Robbery.

Gov. Wells Expects to Prove That the Detectives Were in League With the Thieves.

Testimony of the Bank Employes Concerning the Detectives' Work.

The trial of Charles E. Flinder and James A. McDevitt, detectives, for receiving stolen property was begun yesterday before Judge Wylie in the criminal court. The history of the alleged crime is given below in the opening address to the jury. George O. Miller and George W. McElfresh had been indicted with these two, but a few weeks ago the government abandoued the prosecution as to them. District Attorney Worthington and Special Counsel Wells appeared for ernment, and Robert Christy and J. F. Riley for the defendants. The court room was for the defendants. The court room was crowded with poople. Twelve men were called as jurors, and the defendants challenged none of them. The government challenged Adelf Miller for cause and James K. Mansfield and John W. Queen peremptority. Others were called to fill their places, and the following jury was then sworn to try the cause: Robert V. Hughes, David A. Offutt, George A. Mucller, Joseph H. McDade, James M. C. Wallach, W. M. Frank, Eugene P. Miner, John H. Morgan, W. H. Bell, R. C. Omohundro, Henry Mason, and C. K. Evans. It was a jury of unusually intelligent ap-

Omohundro, Henry Mason, and C. K. Evans, It was a jury of unusually intelligent appearance. Gov. Wells, in his opening address, stated what he expected to prove. He said: "We expect to show that on the second of July, 1880, Mr. George H. B. White, cashier of the National Metropolitan bank, of this city, had in his possession for asfe keeping, and thus for the purposes of this trial became the owner of, a package containing about \$15,000 in United States and other bonds and about \$10,000 in uncer and other securities, a description of which is found in the indictment that will be read in your

the indictment that will be read in your hearing."

Mr. White during the foreneon of that day had the package on his table in the bank, perhaps for the purpose of cutting off the coupens, when his attention was diverted for a moment, during a brief conversation which took place between himself and a well-known gentleman of this city. On turning a moment later, at the end of the conversation, he discovered that the package had been stellen. You will see on an inspection of a plat of the room, as it then was, that Mr. White's back, while engaged in the conversation. while engaged in the conversation, was turned to the package, and it will appear that the thief steped in bahind him, snatched the notes and bonds, and fled from the bank.

This occurred about I o'clock in a room of considerable size, occupied by a number of persons, officers, and clorks of the bank, and persons, officers, and clorks of the bank, and customers doing business with them. The loss was discovered almost immediately, probably not more than ten minutes elapsed between the larceny and the report of it by Mr. White to the president of the bank, and as soon as it was mentioned, it being proposed to send for a detective of the police force, an officer of the bank mentioned that he had just seen McDevitt, one of the accused, standing at the surgeon general's office, near by, who, on being sent for, was office, near by, who, on being sont for, was found still there, and came at once to the

bank.
On his arrival all of the officers of the bank being present, a full statement of all the known facts and circumstances was detailed, particularly that during the day and also on the proceeding day several suspicious persons had called at the bank, one had attempted to one had sought an interview with Mr. White under the pretense of buying bonds, and other similar transactions.

ther similar transactions.

Hearing these and making some inquiries, followith at once prenounced it the work of McDevitt at once pronounced it the work of professionals and said, "they have get away with the stuff."

Whereupon, on its being proposed to send whereupon, on its being proposed to send immediately to the depots and prevent their escape, McDevitt expressed some doubts as whether they had gone to the depots or in a carriage to Bladensburg, where they might take a passing train, and an arrangement was immediately made by which messengers were to be sent to the depots to see if any of the amorelous parameter and the standard and the standa the suspicious persons mentioned above took the train or could be identified. facts and circumstances of th itself, there will be but little itself, there will be but little dispute or controversy; but these defendants, one of them a member of the police force and a detective officer and the other what is known as a private detective—are indicted for receiving the stolen could and becomes necessary to inquire with the greatest particularity in relation to every act performed by them as well as their knowlperformed by them as well as their knowledge of, and association and connection with.

the thieves themselves.

At the same time of the conversation with McDevitt he was paid \$10 for carriage hire and left the bank, so far as we know, with the purpose of going at once to one or both of the depots. In the meautime an officer of the bank went, in company with Mr. Wilson, to the Baltimore and Potomac depot and re-turned about 3 o'clock, not having found or recognized among the persons found there any one answering to the description of the suspicious persons that had been seen at it the bank.

Another officer of the bank proceeded at the same time to the Baltimere and Ohio depot, and after he had been there for some time McDevitt came up in a carriage and the two, going through the cars, but finding none of the suspected parties, separated, both, however, returning to the bank, McDevitt arriv-

ing last.
About 3 o'clock a further conference was bad at the bank between the president, Me-Devitt, Mr. White, and others, at which McDevitt said that his duties were such that he could not give that matter the attention which it required, but that he could furnish a man who could do the work as well or better than himself, and mentioned as such person the defendant Flinder. interview it was arranged that McDevitt should go with Mr. Middleton to the Balti-more and Ohio train that left after 4 o'clock, more and Ohio train that left after 4 o'clock, while Mr. Ashly was to go to the Baitimore and Potomac depot. Molevitt and Ashly went off in a carriage together as far as police headquarters. Middleton took the street car about 4 o'clock for the Baltimore and Ohio depot, prepared to accompany McDevitt to Baltimore, Philiadelphia, New York, or elsewhere, as the latter might doem best, for the effective pursuit of the thieves, as it had been arranged that he should do.

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Arriving at Four-and-a-half street McDevitt came into the same car that Middleton was in, but before reaching the easterly end the court house square they observed several persons standing there-strangers-men oral persons standing there—strangers—men having the appearance of travelers, and Mc-Devitt told Middlaton to take a good look at them, whereupon they left the car, and in walking toward the payement one, and the best dressed of the party, started immedidiately in the direction of the court house and passed through the building Aiddlaton following him a law stars for he had an impressing him a law stars for he had an impression. ing him a few steps, for he had an impres-sion that he was like one of the susof the party of men walked up to McDovitt